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Committee Formed To Review County Hospital Site Plans

by Steven L. Brawley
editor

The University of Missouri-St. Louis is in the strategy stage of trying to obtain a piece of downtown Clayton.

Developers Cabot Cabot and Forbes are working with the university in a cooperative effort to develop the St. Louis County Hospital facility.

According to Jack Reise, regional vice president for Cabot Cabot and Forbes, the setting in Clayton is attractive and the university didn't have the resources to put the program together by itself.

"Projects stand on merit and we can play a role in that," Reise said.

Last week, County Executive Gene McNary appointed a 10-member committee to evaluate the six proposals submitted for developing the former hospital facility.

McNary asked the committee to make a recommendation by the end of the year and to choose an alternative that would raise the most money for the county. Money raised



Gene McNary
County Executive

from the project is slated for expanding the county's health care programs.

Among the six proposals submitted, the only one that would renovate the present hospital facility for another use is Cabot Cabot and Forbes.

The other proposals involve tearing down the buildings on the 23-acre lot and erecting new structures.

Proposed uses for the property include establishing a corporate office for an international corporation; luxury condominiums; a nursing facility; and a world-class hotel.

The university is interested in operating its continuing education courses at the facility and possibly establishing a weekend college and other centers of special academic interest.

Chancellor Marguerite Ross Barnett held a strategy meeting last week to discuss the joint proposal with Cabot Cabot and Forbes.

"What we are doing now is talking to the developers about creative ventures," Barnett said.

The county is interested in either selling or leasing the property. The university would need approximately \$12 million to renovate the site, and another \$1.7 million a year for operating the new campus.

The committee established by McNary will hear presentations on the proposals over the next two weeks.

Charter Suspended TKE Chapter Divides

by Craig A. Martin
managing editor

Recent problems involving the suspended charter of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity have led to the resignation of its president and several other members, sources say.

The campus chapter was put on suspended status by the national office of TKE after a recommendation was received from the chapter's local Board of Trustees.

"The local board brought to our attention the fact that there were some problems in our chapter at UMSL. We then placed them on suspension, which essentially means probation, to give them a chance to correct their problems," said Mark Fite, general manager for chapter services, TKE national.

"The grounds for suspension are very straightforward. They had fallen below standard in a number of areas required to stay in good standing with the fraternity. The most important of these is membership. They simply didn't meet the requirement for membership for this fiscal year," Fite said.

"This does not mean that they have lost their charter. They, along with any other suspended chapters, will be reviewed by the national at its meeting Jan. 30. The national will then decide whether to reclassify the chapter or continue the suspension," Fite said.

Ray Soto, ex-president of TKE at UMSL, resigned as a result of the suspension.

"We were unjustly put on suspension," Soto said. "Our alumni did this in an attempt to force us to do things their way, instead of the way we believe the national wants us to."

"The board used the suspension as a tool to gain control of the fraternity. I guess it worked," he said.

Fite however, disagrees.

"To say that the alumni recommended this so they could gain more power in the fraternity is just incorrect. They already have the ultimate authority over the chapter. They are responsible for how the fraternity is run," Fite said.

"I feel no need to respond to allegations like that," said Rick Curtis, TKE Board member. "This suspension is not that big a deal. I question whether or not anyone will even want to read about this," he said.

"We will be filing letters and petitions with our national in an



Steve Berardino
TKE President

attempt to remove our local Board of Trustees. We hope they will see how unfair the board has been to us," Soto said.

"The national certainly has the power to govern or even remove the local boards, but we have seen no such request as of yet in the case of the UMSL board," Fite said.

"It's really not that big a deal. We know where we are going and exactly how we plan to get there. The board really has no power to be gained by doing this. They already have power," said current TKE president Steve Berardino.

Even if it's not a big deal now, Soto plans to make it one.

Steps are currently being taken by the fraternity to alleviate their charter problems.

"They were given very specific conditions in order to possibly get their suspension revoked," Fite said.

There were four things mentioned as requirements for the chapter. The president was to make out written reports on a monthly basis. The chapter was to compose a written set of goals. They were to develop a written membership recruitment (rush) plan. Cooperation with a district manager, Paul Schmidt, was also required to aid in the reorganization process.

"We are now almost constantly in contact with our national. We talk to them on at least a weekly basis. We also have a new, very organized rush system, and we have a written set of clearly defined goals," Berardino said.

Others, Soto included, decided not to wait.

"There are a group of people who left TKE because they felt they could organize and run a better fraternity on their own," Berardino said.

"We are organizing a new fraternity on campus, Tau Kappa Delta. We were all previously TKEs but were unhappy with the way our alumni relations went," said Tony Taormina, TKD member.

"We were unjustly put on suspension. Our alumni did this in an attempt to force us to do things their way...the board used the suspension as a tool to gain control of the fraternity. I guess it worked."

—Ray Soto, former TKE president, present TKD president

Soto alleges the recommendation for suspension was pre-conceived to be more effective.

"The alumni timed their action very well. They acted at a time when they knew accounts receivable would be very high. It's accepted practice that the chapter pays the dues for the members and then the members pay the chapter back. They timed it so that the books would be reviewed before the members had a chance to pay the chapter," Soto said.

The national claims, however, that the suspension would have occurred anyway. The alumni just accelerated the process.

Soto is president of TKD. "We have about 10 members, and to the best of my knowledge, that leaves only 7 or 8 TKEs," he said.

Berardino claims to have 10 members.

"Either way, that's not enough members to get their charter back," Soto said.

"I would think that the national will probably keep them on suspension. We (the TKDs) still

believe in the national TKE, and all of its ideals, but we just couldn't handle the alumni any more," Soto said.

UMSL Receives Grant To Aid Complex

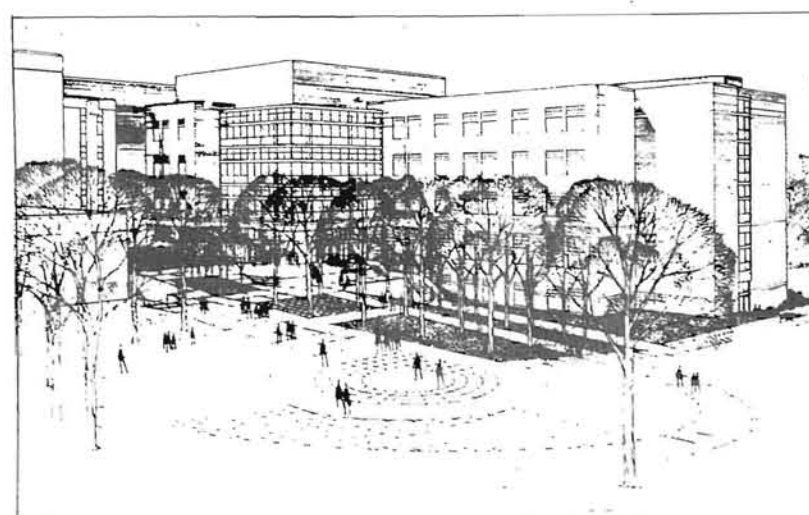
by Patricia M. Carr
news editor

The University of Missouri-St. Louis will receive a \$500,000 grant from the federal government for the construction of the new science complex.

The grant, from the academic facilities program of the Department of Education, has been earmarked for construction purposes.

During the 1985 session, the Missouri general assembly approved \$19.32 million for the complex. The money was part of a \$600 million bond issue.

The estimated cost of the complex is \$19.6 million. M. Thomas Jones, interim associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, said bids for construction have not yet been taken.



Future Science Complex

"If bids come in high we will have to use the money for construction. If they come in low any remaining money will be used for instrumentation," said Jones.

According to Jones, after bids have come in a campaign will begin to attract private donations in order to purchase necessary equipment.

The complex, when completed, will house new research laboratories for biology, chemistry, and physics departments.

Renovated areas of Benton and Stadler will serve the specialized clinical and research needs of the psychology department.

According to Jones, more than eighty percent of the complex will be used for labs.

Actual construction is scheduled to begin early next year. The projected completion date has been set for early 1989.



Cedric R. Anderson

IN YOUR FACE: Members of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity participated in the group's 14th annual pumpkin pie eating contest last week to raise funds for the St. Vincent's Home for Children. Also last week, members of the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity participated in a community effort by hosting a Thanksgiving Day dinner for Bel Ridge area senior citizens.

I-70 Degree Transfer Program Established

by Laura J. Hopper
reporter

Starting with the 1987 fall semester, the University of Missouri-St. Louis and the University of Missouri-Kansas City will introduce a new transfer agreement involving the UMSL School of Optometry and the UMKC graduate schools of law and dentistry.

The new program will center around a current policy in these three graduate schools which allows selected undergraduates, depending on their high school class rank and standardized test score, to enter the professional schools after only three years of undergraduate work.

Under the transfer agreement, known as the UMKC/UM-St. Louis Reciprocal Early Admission Programs for Professional Schools, students attending UMSL at the un-

dergraduate level may attend the UMKC Schools of Law or Dentistry after three years, provided they meet the minimum standards for class rank and test score.

UMKC undergraduates may also be admitted to the UMSL School of Optometry after three years of course work. In addition, these students will have a space reserved for them automatically in the professional school upon acceptance at the undergraduate level.

The exact standards by which the class rank and test scores will be judged have not yet been established. According to Blanche Touhill, vice chancellor of academic affairs, standards will be set in the near future.

Minimal standards will also be established for the admission of these students to the professional programs, although the reserved space makes this admission almost automatic.

"The main point," Touhill said, "is that both campuses give a degree — one gives the undergraduate degree, the other the graduate degree."

Students eligible for the early admission transfer program may have to undergo an interview or screening process, depending on the number of applicants. The number of reserved seats available in the graduate schools will probably be limited.

Touhill noted that the idea for this program sprang from a meeting over the summer between UMSL Chancellor Marguerite Ross Barnett and UMKC Chancellor George Russell, as the two discussed ways in which the two UM campuses could work together.

Through programs like these, Touhill added, "UM hopes to use the expertise of faculty on all four campuses to enrich the students."

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Success

Carol Caruthers, a 1982 UMSL graduate from the Masters in Business Administration program and director of executive financial services of Price Waterhouse, credits UMSL for part of her success.

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Tough

The Rivermen opened the season at home November 22 with a 91-84 loss to Southern Indiana University and followed it with an 86-64 loss to Florida Southern University, two nationally ranked teams.

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NEXT WEEK

The Current will publish its end of the semester issue on Dec. 11, watch for it during finals exams.

EDITORIALS

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Clayton Site Is A Plum

A blue ribbon tract of land is up for grabs in downtown Clayton. In a cooperative venture, the University of Missouri-St. Louis is one of six potential developers who are interested in the property.

Working with the development team of Cabot Cabot and Forbes, the university is engaged in a cooperative effort to purchase or lease the former County Hospital Facility.

St. Louis County is hungry for funds. The county faces severe budget cuts in its health department for 1987. Therefore, county officials are hoping that such a sale or lease of the now defunct facility will forestall these cuts.

The county no longer operates the complex on Brentwood Boulevard. Last year, the county joined the city of St. Louis to operate the newly established St. Louis Regional Medical Center.

Now that the 23-acre tract of land is up for grabs, the university and a wide range of other possible investors are making presentations to the county.

County Executive Gene McNary has appointed a 10-member committee to examine the six proposals submitted to develop the property.

Besides the university and Cabot Cabot and Forbes, there are five other developers interested in the property.

According to the chairman of the committee, that is reviewing the proposals, these developers are some of the biggest and the best known.

The university is interested in moving its continuing education courses to the Clayton site and possibly establishing a weekend college there. Also, centers of special academic study could be moved there as well.

Other proposals for the university are less academic. The proposals range from building luxury condominiums to establishing a skilled nursing facility, or from building a corporate office for an international corporation to a world-class hotel.

Though the university's proposal will not be as flashy as the others, the committee reviewing the proposals should weigh the potential services the University of Missouri could provide the community.

Of course, the biggest obstacle to overcome is funding such a project. It is estimated that the university would need \$12 million to renovate the facility and another \$1.7 to run it on a yearly basis.

That is where developers Cabot Cabot and Forbes comes into the plan. They have the tools and capabilities available to pull together possible investors.

Chancellor Barnett states that the campus is not presently engaged in conversation with the state legislature for funding of the sale or lease of the property.

However, whatever action is taken on the matter, the UM Board of Curators will have to be involved in the process.

Though it appears the University is the underdog in this political game, it shouldn't be counted out. The city of Clayton, as well as the metro area, could only benefit from having the University of Missouri expand and grow.

Nearly 80 percent of UMSL graduates stay in the region after they graduate. It is certain a large number of them work in Clayton.

The university has a direct link to the economic revitalization of the St. Louis region. Letting it expand past the present Normandy campus would only add to that process of growth.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Iran Deal

Dear Editor

The Reagan Administration has again reared its ugly head with more than a whiff of fascism in its violation of the law vis a vis its subversive Iran arms deal for hostages.

This deal took place after Secretary of State Shultz flew all over the world proclaiming, "no deals with terrorists," and "no negotiation with barbarian blackmail."

The credibility of the lame duck Ronald Wilson Reagan Administration is at an all-time low, what with its misuse of the National Security Council, its misuse of the National Labor Relations Board, the Supreme Court, and the Civil Rights Commission.

This series of high crimes, peeks in the obscene and wanton use of the national Security Council, an

advisory body, as a clandestine executive body to subvert the security of our country and is an atrocity which U.S. citizens will not tolerate.

Impeach the double-dealing liar, Ronald Wilson Reagan forthwith. His machinations are a direct threat to constitutional democracy.

Sincerely,

W.E.E. Lacy

No Smoke

Dear Editor:

A special thanks to Ken Meyer, Kevin Lacostello, et. al. in their clean air fight for the non-smokers who want clean air.

I know what I'm talking about because I smoked longer than many

of you have been alive. When I did I enjoyed smoking. I enjoy a healthy life a lot more.

Because it is very bad for my health to smoke, I quit. That's why I find it very frustrating to have gone to the trouble of quitting, yet still being ill-effected by used smoke.

Given a little thought, the smokers have it made. There are very few areas of refuge for non-smokers, (classroom or library), and to get there we have to walk through smoke-filled halls, and use smoke-filled restrooms. Also, up to now these refuges were mostly academic settings.

I hear complaints of smokers' rights. Well, my right to "no smoke" does not injure anyone's health; your right to "smoke" does.

Sincerely,

Terrie Gillespie

Greek System Should Grow

The Greek system on the campus of this university is one that is not well known to the student body at large.

However, each year around Thanksgiving, the Phi Kappa Alpha Fraternity sponsors a pumpkin pie eating contest to raise funds for the St. Vincent's Home for Children.

Also, the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity hosts a Thanksgiving dinner for over 250 senior citizens in the Bel Ridge Community.

Other academic and social fraternities and sororities also sponsor events which help the community.

With the help of these annual events, and others like Greek Week and the annual rushes, Greek's at UMSL enhance a somewhat subdued student life.

However, despite the positive effects of the Greek system, problems remain.

The recent problems involving the suspended charter of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity have brought to light internal struggles going on within the system.

Perhaps better utilization and broader powers for the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Organization would be a first step.

A lack of communication and undue mistrust of one another and the IFC could eventually lead to a demise of the Greek's role on this campus.

The recent TKE incident, which involved the formation of a new fraternity, TKD, and the resignation of many officers, points to a growing problem.

Even worse, where the reactions from other fraternities when they received news of TKE's problems. Rumors of "death of TKE" parties run rampant.

Yes, competition between groups is a likely occurrence, however, when it gets out of hand it can be very damaging.

The student body from which the UMSL Greeks draw from is limited on a commuter campus.

The death of one fraternity specifically, should call for mourning within the system, not celebration, because the loss of one sixth of the system can only stand to weaken it severely.

It would be a wise recommendation that the system use the IFC and the Panhellenic to increase harmony and cooperation among the Greek system at UMSL.

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The Current welcomes all letters to the editor. The writer's student number and phone number must be included. Non-students also must sign their letters, but only need to add their phone number. Letters should be not more than two typed pages in length.

No unsigned letters will be published. Names for published letters will be withheld upon request, but letters with which the writer's name is published will receive first preference.

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Editorials must be signed and no editorial will be published without giving due credit to the author.

Hello, Craig? Yeah This Is Marge Barnett



NEWS TO ME

by Craig A. Martin
managing editor

I was thinking the other day, (no, really I was daydreaming, I do that a lot), and during this great daydream I got this phone call...

Current, this is Craig. Can I help you?

"Yeah, Craig, this is Marge Barnett."

Oh, Hi Marge. How are you?
"Fine. Listen, Craig I found out that the university is about to get \$30 billion to spend however we want."

So why call me?

"Well, I haven't been here that long, and I was wondering if you could help me out and make some recommendations on how to spend the money."

Sure, no problem. Get a pen and paper and write this down:

First, we need to do some major excavation here. There are just too damn many hills around this place. Hills are fine for golf courses, but not college campuses. So item number one is dirt to fill all of the valleys.

Next, let's rip out all of the old sidewalks and lay new ones. Whoever laid out the old ones never took geometry. Take a look at the grass next time you're on the quad in front of the library. See the worn spots? That's because students have taken geometry and we know the shortest distance between two points. Item number two is sidewalks.

And how about this parking situation? I think a few bushes or a parking lot repairs would be money well spent. Also, let's look into some shuttle buses to carry students to and from the lots. Item number three is parking improvement.

Let's talk theaters now Marge. We have plays twice a year or so and we don't have a decent theater to put them in. These poor folks are performing in a converted lecture hall for crying out loud! Item number four is a theater.

Are you getting all of this, Marge?

"Yeah, don't stop now, you're on a roll."

O.K. We need dorms. Not necessarily huge ones, just ones big enough to house a few people. After all, what's a college without a good dorm controversy or two? Item number five is dorms.

Now as long as we're talking about real college attributes, let's get some ivy. All of our walls are bare and ugly. Don't say we have to be in the northeast to get ivy, because Washington State has ivy too.

Item number six is ivy.

Next on the list is salaries. We really don't pay our teachers enough money. We've got a good faculty here and yet lots of them leave because we don't pay them enough to stay. Item number seven is pay increases.

Item eight is a new building on the site of what is now the "Fun Palace" or Library Annex. This new building would house all student organizations who need office space and free the university center for what really needs to be there: lounges, gamerooms, saunas, hot tubs, nap rooms and a health club. Cher would be proud of it.

There, I think that would about do it for me.

"O.K., I've got it, and it all sounds good. All you need to do is go to the bank and pick up the check. We'll start tomorrow."

"Oh, and Craig, one more thing. When you pick up the check..."

Yeah?

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AROUND UMSL

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Sunday

Feasting

• The UM-St. Louis Madrigal Ensemble will provide the entertainment for the Madrigal Holiday Dinners to be held at 6:30 p.m. December 5, 7, and 8. The event will be held at the Glen Echo Country club, tickets are \$18.50. For more information, or to make reservations, call 553-5980.

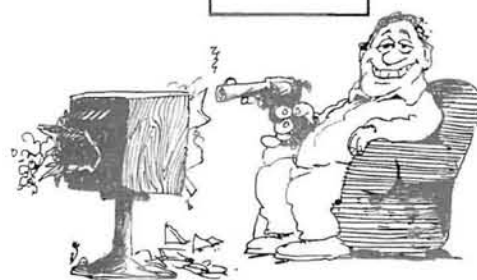
• The University Players will present Bleacher Bums December 5, 6, and 7 at 8 p.m. in Benton Hall Theater. For more information, call 553-5733.

• Last Day of Classes

• Today is the last day to view Joan Semmel paintings in Gallery 210. The exhibit is the final display in a three-part series entitled *The Emblematic Woman: Contemporary Female Portraiture*. The Gallery is located in Lucas Hall. Admission is free.

• Photographs of Nepal and the Southwest by Jody Forster, will be on display in the Center for Metropolitan Studies throughout the month of December. The Center is located in 362 SSB. For more information, call 553-5257.

• The History of Television in St. Louis will be the topic of this week's Creative Aging to be aired from 7-8 p.m. on KWMU (90.7 FM).



MADRIGAL MERRIMENT: Members of the Madrigal Ensemble gather for feasting and fun at the annual Holiday Madrigal Feast. The event is sponsored by the UMSL Music Department. All are welcome. For more information, see Friday.

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Monday

• Insurance-Life, Health and Personal Property will be the topic of a women's financial workshop to be held in 331 SSB

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FEATURES

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UMSL Alumna

She Has An Office With A View

by Phyllis Allen
features editor

Carol Caruthers' typical day at the office begins at 7:30 a.m. and doesn't end until many hours later.

With her work commitments as director of executive financial services for the St. Louis office of Price Waterhouse—one of the nation's largest accounting firms,—and her outside speaking engagements, Caruthers is a busy woman.

Caruthers, a 1982 UMSL graduate from the Masters in Business Administration program, credits UMSL for part of her success.

"Everyone at UMSL was great," she says. "The program provided me with a great opportunity."

Caruthers, who was what could be termed a "non-traditional student," graduated from Pittsburgh State University in 1966 with a degree in education.

She taught elementary school in Missouri, Kansas and Illinois and later managed a day-care center.

"I liked working with children," she remembers. "It was very rewarding."

From a day-care center, she turned to managing rental properties. Her interest in real estate led her to the M.B.A. program at UMSL.

"Originally, I just wanted to take a few real estate courses," Caruthers confesses. "But I found that I really enjoyed my accounting and tax classes."

While attending UMSL, Caruthers also was an instructor here for operations research classes.

"Teaching at UMSL was certainly different than teaching elementary school," Caruthers remembers. "But I enjoyed it immensely."

Caruthers earned her M.B.A. in two years going full time. She graduated in December 1982, but started her job search much earlier. In fact, Caruthers was hired by Price Waterhouse before her graduation in the spring of 1982.

Caruthers felt that along with her graduate degree, she would be much more marketable with certification as a Certified Public Accountant. She remembers that certification only required nine more credits than she had taken for required courses in the program. After Caruthers sat for her CPA exam, she was awarded the Elijah Watts Sells CPA Exam Award, given to the top 100 performers on the test in the country.

Originally hired as a staff accountant, Caruthers was promoted to supervisor in 1984, then to manager in April 1986, and most recently, to director of executive financial services in June 1986. Her rise in the company has been fairly rapid, Caruthers admits, but she notes that when a company grows as quickly as Price Waterhouse has and promotes from within, a rapid rise is not all that unusual.

"It's a win/win situation, working at P.W.," Caruthers said. "I never thought I'd be having so much fun at



AT THE TOP: Carol Caruthers poses in her Price Waterhouse office in the Centerre Bank building. Busch Stadium dominates the view from her window.

a job. My colleagues are more like professional friends, and so are my clients."

But, Caruthers works hard and finds her job challenging. She attends and teaches a lot of in-house classes.

"I like to study and keep learning," Caruthers says. "This year I've attended classes in Washington, D.C., Boston, Topeka, and will be

going to San Francisco."

As she moved up the corporate ladder, Caruthers said, more perquisites became available to her. One of these includes being able to park on the "yellow level" which contains the walkway to her building rather than two blocks away, Caruthers noted.

Another "perk" Caruthers especially enjoys is her office. "I

used to have a cubicle," she remembers. "which was fine, but it afforded very little privacy if I wanted a minute alone."

Caruthers' office looks out on the Mississippi, the Arch and Busch Stadium.

"The view is great," she noted. "There's something timeless about the river. And I can see the instant replay board in the stadium, so I can

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tell when someone hits a home run."

Adjusting to a Monday-through-Friday schedule was hard at first, Caruthers says.

"I was used to a different schedule; by Friday noon for awhile, I was exhausted. But the first year was the hardest. Things got easier as I adjusted to the schedule."

Caruthers was not the only member of her family required to make changes however.

"My son and daughter didn't know what to think, now that their mom was so busy," Caruthers says. "Now, I think they enjoy it—but they have to do more work around the house," she laughs.

Caruthers finds opportunities to give her time and energy back to UMSL. She is a popular speaker for business classes, as well as at business organizations. She is on the advisory committee for the school of business, as well.

Caruthers enjoyed her years at UMSL, and considers her time here well spent.

"I don't think enough people know about UMSL," she says. "If more people were aware of what the university has to offer, they would be able to take advantage of the great opportunity for education right in their own back yards."

If Only I Could Voice My Opinion



**TRUST
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by Ann Richardson
associate features editor

Even as we speak, I can't speak.

While most people were consuming turkey sandwiches this weekend, I drank 30 gallons of orange juice trying to kill the evil laryngitis bug that seized control of my vocal cords.

The orange juice didn't work, but the Florida Orange growers sent me a note of thanks for keeping 11 of their farmers in business. They asked me to speak at one of their socials, but that was out of the question.

I have not spoken without sounding like a diseased frog for the past four days. Perhaps my voice is changing. I know that 14 year old boys are usually the ones affected by this, but then again I had chicken pox when I was 20 years old, so it's a pretty sure bet that my body chemistry is a mess. I'll probably start getting zits when I'm 42, and instead of wearing orthopedic socks like everyone else in my retirement home, I'll wear a training bra.

It is depressing to deal with people who are accustomed to your usual speaking voice. In the first stages of my laryngitis when I answered the phone and croaked a "hello," people who were on the other end didn't believe that I was the croaker. I tried to pass myself off as Debra Winger or Kim Carnes, only to be told that I sounded more like George Burns. Some wise guy asked me to say, "Surrender Dorothy!" but I declined. I have some pride. Not much, but some.

Unfortunately things are now worse and I can barely make audible sounds. I'm finding out that people can really be cruel to non-speakers. My dad will yell down to me in the basement so that I have to write down my answer and run it upstairs. He then waits until he hears me run back downstairs, turn on the TV, and sit down again before he bellows something else and I repeat the ritual again. Although my voice is gone, perhaps my legs will be in shape by the end of this illness.

I hope that you don't think that I am feeling sorry for myself. On the contrary, I feel lucky to have everyone out in readerland hear my sad tale. I haven't been able to communicate with anyone in the past few days, and since I am a communications major I have an inherent need to communicate.

You might say that this is a great opportunity to "voice" my feelings.

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Rivermen Face Tough Schedule, Drop Two

by Dave Brown
sports editor

A tough schedule can destroy a team's won-loss record, but it can also help a team become better. At least that's what UMSL coach Rich Meckfessel is hoping after two losses to nationally ranked teams to begin the 1986-87 season.

The Rivermen opened the season at home November 22 with a 91-84 loss to Southern Indiana University, which was ranked 20th in Street and Smith's preseason Division II poll.

The Rivermen jumped out to an early 12-2 lead, but the Screaming Eagles battled back with Andre Jackson hitting two three-point shots and a three-point play to close the gap to 12-11.

The Rivermen continued to lead with 6 minutes and 35 seconds left, but then committed four consecutive turnovers to let Southern Indiana come back and take the lead for good with 4:23 left in the first half at 31-30. The teams went into halftime with the Eagles leading 43-38.

The Rivermen stayed close in the second half and were down by nine with over six minutes remaining, but could get no closer until Eric Love hit a three-pointer with seven seconds left to finish the scoring at 61-84.

Shooting proved to be no problem for the Rivermen as they shot 57 percent from the field and also took advantage of the new three-point shot by hitting on 11 of 16. Mike Strater was 4-for-4 from three-point range, while Love was 6-for-9.

Love, a transfer student from Pratt Community College, led all scorers with 27 points, while Strater picked up 20. Kevin Brooks, a transfer from Cowley County Community College, added 16 points and led the Rivermen with eight rebounds.

Meckfessel was pleased with the performance of his junior college recruits.

"Eric Love shot the ball very well and with good shot selection," Meckfessel said. "Kevin Brooks also played very hard for us."

The third junior college transfer on the squad, Derek Thomas, has been hampered by injuries, but should be 100 percent by the first of the year, Meckfessel said.

Despite their shooting accuracy, the Rivermen were beaten on the boards 39-21.

The opening-game loss was the first since Meckfessel has been at UMSL. They are now 16-5 in season openers.

The Rivermen traveled to Florida to face another ranked team in Florida Southern University. The Moccasins are ranked sixth nationally in Division II and advanced to the final four in the Division II national tournament a year ago.

The Moccasins jumped off to a 8-0 lead and led 38-27 at the half. UMSL got as close as five points with almost 14 minutes remaining, but Florida Southern went on a roll and outscored the Rivermen 21-8 over the next seven minutes to secure the 86-64 victory.

The Rivermen continued to shoot well, but were outrebounded 29-20.

Brooks led the Rivermen with 18 points and six rebounds while Love added 16 points and Strater chipped in 13.

"We played very poorly in the beginning of the game," Meckfessel said. "I was disappointed that we lost our mental and physical discipline. There were some good things, but we've got to play a lot better than this."

Things don't get any easier for the Rivermen as they traveled to Iowa City yesterday to face nationally ranked Division I power Iowa University. The Hawkeyes won the tough Great Alaskan Shootout last weekend.

Despite the 0-2 record, Meckfessel believes his team can only benefit from the tough schedule.

"We've found out what we need to improve on to be a top-level Division II team," he said. "We've tried to sell our players on the idea that playing these teams will help us. We just need to hang in there and learn from these tough games we've got and get ready for the first of the year when the conference season starts. The main thing is to keep a positive attitude."

The Rivermen's next home game is at 7:45 p.m. Saturday against Maryville College. An UMSL alumni game will be held before the contest.

Rivermen Notes: Junior guard Eric Love was named Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association Player of the Week for his performance in games against Florida Southern and Southern Indiana. Love scored 27 points against Southern Indiana and 16 against Florida Southern.



Cedric R. Anderson

AIRBORNE: Senior guard Duane Young takes to the air in UMSL's season opening 91-84 loss to the Screaming Eagles of Southern Indiana University. Jim Gregory (44) and Von Scales (far right) look for the pass. The Rivermen also lost to Florida Southern in their first week of action. Both teams are nationally ranked. The Rivermen traveled to Iowa City Wednesday to face the 5th ranked Division I squad in the country, the Iowa Hawkeyes. The tough schedule should help prepare the Rivermen for their Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association opponents.

Riverwomen Play Tough In The Clutch

by Diane Schlueter
associate sports editor

The 1986-87 Riverwomen basketball squad has tipped-off one of its best seasons ever with a 4-1 start.

UMSL opened the new season at home November 21 with a 73-72 win over Quincy College.

UMSL's all-time leading scorer, Gina Gregory, led the Riverwomen with 16 points while Kaye Klotzer and Kris Wilmesher each put in 14.

Center Kathy Rubach was the team leader in rebounds with 12, even though she went down early in the second half with a knee injury.

"(The injury to Rubach) hasn't effected us too bad yet," said coach Mike Larson. "We've had to make the adjustments, but we have the personnel to win."

With Rubach sidelined for an uncertain amount of time and 6-foot-2 center Sandy Hill red-shirted until next semester, 5-9 senior Kaye Klotzer received the start at center when the Riverwomen traveled to Evangel College to start their road schedule.

After starting only one game last season, an improved Klotzer was second in scoring with 18 points and lead the team with nine rebounds. Gregory was again the leading scorer for the Riverwomen with 23 points.

In another close contest, UMSL defeated Marymount College 86-85 and improved its record to 3-0.

With about 10 seconds left to play, UMSL trailed Marymount by one

point. After a timeout, UMSL had possession of the ball.

Freshman Kelly O'Neil took the first shot and missed with Grace Gain taking the rebound. Gain also hit the backboard but failed to make the basket.

With time running out, Klotzer rebounded and put in the winning shot at the buzzer.

"Kaye's been playing well since she's been given the chance to play," said Larson. "She plays with intensity, and she is wanting to improve. I'm glad (the game winning shot) happened to her."

Klotzer finished the game with a team-high 27 points and 12 rebounds.

The Riverwomen then had the opportunity to improve their record to 4-0 with a win over Evansville. That would have been the best start in UMSL history.

But Evansville defeated the Riverwomen 79-71 and left UMSL at 3-1.

Gregory lead UMSL with 21 points and eight rebounds.

With five Riverwomen scoring in double figures, UMSL defeated Southern Indiana 73-70.

Sophomore Kris Wilmesher lead the team in scoring with 20 points, while Gain lead in rebounding with nine.

The Riverwomen left yesterday for Honolulu, Hawaii, where they will play three games.

UMSL will host Harris-Stowe State College December 13 at the Mark Twain Building. Game time is 5:30 p.m.

Rivermen Alumni Game Saturday

There will be a blast from the past in the Mark Twain Gym Saturday at 5:45 as former Rivermen will take the court in an alumni basketball game before the UMSL takes on Maryville College at 7:45.

The game will feature a number of UMSL standouts including tennis coach Jeff Zoellner and student assistant basketball coach Ron Porter.

Porter finished his career at UMSL last season and was named to the all-Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association first team. He ranks third in rebounding and scoring on the UMSL career list. Also playing in the game will be

former standouts Greg Daust, who is the all-time leading UMSL rebounder and was named to the all-American team, Rolandis Nash, who ranks fourth in rebounding and fifth in scoring, and Grayling Tobias, who was a standout in both baseball and basketball at UMSL.

Bob McCormack, who is ninth on the all-time scoring list and now does UMSL color commentary for WGNU, will also be playing.

Admission is \$1 for students with an UMSL ID. Admission for adults is \$4 for center reserved, \$3 for general admission and \$1.50 for children 12 and under.

AT A GLANCE

Last Week

Men's Basketball

UMSL 84, S. Indiana 91
UMSL high scorer - Love, 27
UMSL high rebounder - Brooks, 8

UMSL 64, Florida Southern 86
UMSL high scorer - Brooks, 18
UMSL high rebounder - Brooks, 6

Women's Basketball

UMSL 73, Quincy 72
UMSL high scorer - Gregory, 16
UMSL high rebounder - Rubach, 12

UMSL 86, Marymount 85
UMSL high scorer - Klotzer, 27
UMSL high rebounder - Klotzer, 12

UMSL 80, Evangel 78

UMSL 71, Evansville 79
UMSL high scorer - Gregory, 21
UMSL high scorer - Gregory, 8

UMSL 73, S. Indiana 70
UMSL high scorer - Wilmesher 20
UMSL high rebounder - Gain, 9

Next Week's Schedule

Men's Basketball

Maryville at UMSL; 12/6, 7:45 p.m.

Swimming

Arkansas-Little Rock at UMSL; 12/5, 7 p.m.
UMSL at Illinois Tech/Michigan Tech; 12/6, noon



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LEADING THE WAY: Gina Gregory (24) led the way as the Riverwomen beat Quincy College 73-72 in their home opener. The Riverwomen are off to one of their best starts ever with a 4-1 record.

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